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Recreation, road, revenues comprise board's last meeting

BY TRACI BONNEY

The board of supervisors finished out the year Tuesday by talking about recreation.

At their last meeting of 1991, the board approved a resolution

from attorney Stephen Guice authorizing the appropriate state legislative personnel to draft a local and private bill which will create the Diamondhead-DeLisle

Improvement District.

Guice said the district will help provide the financial backing for an 8,000-acre recreation park, of which about 5,000 acres are in Hancock County. The other 3,000 are in Harrison County.

In response to a question from board chairman Ronald Cuevas, Guice said the district will have taxing authority in the district's area. He said the tax monies will be used in the funding of the park.

No residents live in the area in question, Guice added.

He said not all the property has been completely secured, and nothing can happen if the local and private bill is passed until all the land is secured.

Guice pointed out that the bill he intends to ask for will not include any provision for an ad valorem tax exemption, something which generally is granted to new industries locating in the state.

After a discussion among the supervisors and board attorney Gerald Gex, who pointed out that the resolution does not obligate the board to support the local and private bill if the supervisors do not want to do so, the board unanimously passed the resolution, with the addition of a phrase clarifying exact-

ly what Guice requested be done.

OTHER BUSINESS

Tax Assessor/Collector Edward Murtagh told the board his office is approaching the \$2 million mark in tax collections for December. He said this will benefit the city school district, Bay St. Louis and the county because funds will be available for distribution in January.

He also told the supervisors he is waiting for an attorney general's opinion as to whether or not the county can tax the Notre Dame de la Mer apartment complex. Last year, after much debate between county officials and personnel from the Catholic Diocese of Biloxi, the apartment complex was granted tax exempt status.

Hancock County superintendent Terrell Randolph reminded the board that some provision needs to be made for the maintenance of the vocational-technical center which the county school district took over from Pearl River Community College at the beginning of the 1991 school year.

He said that since the millage earmarked for maintenance was not given to the school district but instead moved into another county fund, the school district has been using minimum program funds to maintain the vo-tech center. Randolph told the board the district won't be able to afford to con-



Homeward bound

This man, who identified himself only as "Roger," said he was trying to get home to Odessa, Texas over the holidays. He explained he had hopped a west-bound freight train in Gulfport on Monday, but was stranded when the engine uncoupled on the Bay St. Louis train bridge. He said that he'd try to hitch-hike the rest of the way. (Photo by T. H. (Doc) Toups)

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Ammo not at fault in deaths: Sawyer

BY TRACI BONNEY

Colonel Harry Sawyer is not pleased with allegations that bombs made at the now mothballed Mississippi Army Ammunition Plant may be connected with American soldiers' deaths during the Persian Gulf War.

According to a series of articles in the Hartford (Conn.) Courant last week, ammunition of the kind made at the plant at Stennis Space Center performed below standard. These articles spurred Senator Christopher J. Dodd, D-Conn., and Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., to call for investigations.

Sawyer said the Courant articles told of two Connecticut soldiers being among at least 19 American soldiers whose deaths have been blamed on seemingly

dud bomblets — small steel cans — from "metal rain" shells used to stun and disable enemy troops. The soldiers supposedly picked up the bomblets, similar to some made at the Mississippi plant, to keep them as souvenirs, not knowing they were as dangerous as hand grenades.

Further, the articles quoted soldiers in the field as saying that the "dud rate" — the percentage of unexploded to exploded bombs — was much higher than the acceptable Army level, and that advancing troops were not trained about the danger of the unexploded bombs in their paths.

The Army denied in the articles that the ammunition used by the American troops was substandard or that the troops had been inadequately trained.

Sawyer, who said he has not been contacted about a federal investigation, defended the work done at the Mississippi plant, of which he is the commander.

"Several" other munitions plants make weapons of that type.

"There's no evidence I've seen that the grenades which killed those two Connecticut soldiers even came from this plant. There's a massive stretch that's been made to link this plant to those deaths, and nothing I've seen so far supports that."

"I stand by my earlier statement: In the 18 months I have been in command, I have not received a single report of an ammunition problem from our plant."

Cuevas concerned over Bay Cove annexation

BY TRACI BONNEY

During his farewell speech Tuesday, supervisor Ronald Cuevas asked the board to rethink its vote on a matter decided late last year.

Cuevas stated, "There's one area I wish the board would reconsider: the annexation we voted in favor of recently. I was hesitant to make a decision because I thought we needed to check into the ramifications more before we had a vote."

Cuevas contends that if the board supports the annexation by Bay St. Louis of the Bay Cove area, the potential machine tax and

boarding fee revenues from a dockside gambling development at the Bay Cove marina will go to the city instead of the county.

At present, the county has no mechanism to levy such taxes or fees, but Cuevas said the county should have one in 1992. The county requested that a local and private bill be passed identical to one passed for Bay St. Louis which allows the city to levy a \$100 per gaming machine/device tax and a \$2.50 per person boarding fee.

He also expressed concern that any possible

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Tax break

Claiming insurance costs saves farmers, sole proprietors

BY JACQUI COCHRAN

If you are a farmer, sole-proprietor of a business or a C-corporation, listen up.

There is a specific section in the federal tax act by which all health insurance costs and yearly out-of-pocket medical expenses you are now paying can be 100 percent deducted from your federal income.

According to Al Sall of Consolidated Insurance Network in Kiln, it is a simple matter of transferal of ownership of your present health insurance.

That includes premiums, prescriptions, optical and dental costs.

Also your employee may include all family members in their insurance plan, thereby including you, the employer.

Small said information of Ruling 71-588 came to him through a newspaper article in which Senator Ken Kohl, D-Wisconsin suggested farmers may find financial assistance in paying for their health insurance costs by legally claiming those costs as business

up a health reimbursement plan for his wife and her family, and deduct the cost of the plan as a business expense. Then he could take advantage of the deductible health coverage as a member of his wife's family."

Small said Section 105 of Revenue Ruling 71-588 has been in effect since 1954, but since health costs were so low during those early years few people bothered with reimbursements.

"Today, health costs are so high, this plan presents a way for a farmer or self-employed business person to free those monies for other uses."

Small commented that possibly the monies saved on health costs can now be used to purchase disability insurance as farmers and most sole-proprietors are ineligible for workman's compensation.

"Health insurance covers the injury, but it does not make up for income lost during that time of incapacitation."

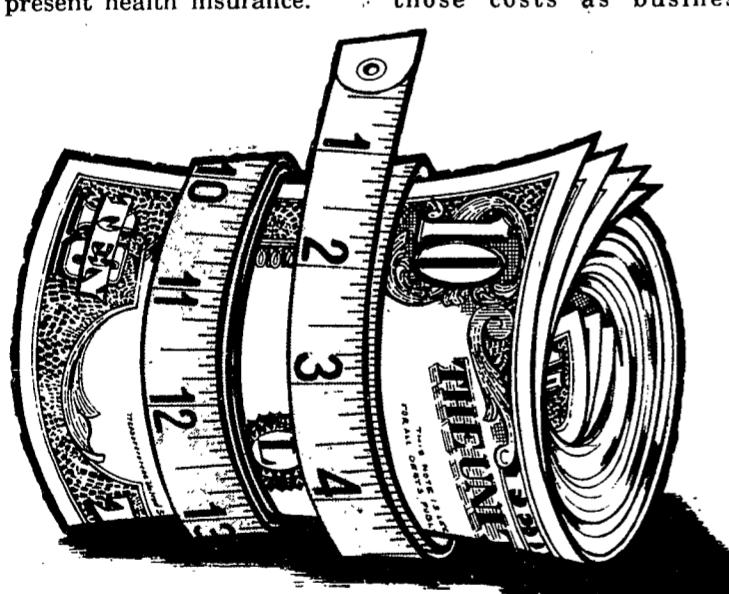
Now, this all sounds wonderful, but as we know, there is always more to it than what meets the eye.

In order to be eligible for Revenue Ruling 71-588 the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), requires specific forms to be completed and logs kept on yearly medical expenses.

Application for Revenue Ruling 71-588 can be done through various sources, including an attorney or tax agent. Small suggest contacting N-T Administrators Ltd. in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa (1-800-872-1810), who are offering this application service for \$150.

An N-T Administrators' spokesperson stated should an

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For example, you are a farmer. Your wife and children help with your daily work load. They are your employees.

You pay a monthly hospitalization premium for yourself and your family. Probably, that insurance is in your name.

By transferring the ownership of that insurance plan to your employee, alias wife, you, the employer are entitled to deduct 100 percent of your employee's health expenses for the year.

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WEEK OF 1-2-92

DAY	HIGH	LOW	DAY	HIGH	LOW
Thurs.	10:08 p.	9:15 a.	Mon.	12:06 a.	11:49 a.
Fri.	10:50 p.	9:58 a.	Tues.	12:38 a.	12:08 p.
Sat.	11:28 p.	10:38 a.	Wed.	1:10 a.	12:10 p.
Sun.		11:14 a.	Thurs.	1:35 a.	12:14 p.

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OBITUARIES

EMILY BRYANT
AUDREY L. FERGUSON
VERA JEAN JONES
ANTHONY V. WERNER

EMILY BRYANT
Mrs. Emily Bryant, 95, Pass Christian, died Thursday, Dec. 26, 1991, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Bryant was a native of Opelousas, La., and had lived in Pass Christian most of her life. She was a member of Goodwill Baptist Church in Pass Christian, where she was Mother of the Church, treasurer of the Senior Mission and a member of the Prayer Band.

Mrs. Bryant had been cared for by Mrs. Vernelia McCathen and Mrs. Geneva Boyd, both of Pass Christian.

Survivors include a godson, Alvin McCathen; and two goddaughters, Andrea Armstrong and Latoya Jones, all of Pass Christian.

Funeral services will be 7 p.m. today at Goodwill Baptist Church in Pass Christian, where friends may call an hour before service time. A procession will leave the church at 11 a.m. Friday and go to Live Oak Cemetery for burial.

Lockett's Mortuary in Gulf-

port is in charge of arrangements.

AUDREY L. FERGUSON
Mrs. Audrey L. Ferguson, 62, Picayune, died Sunday, Dec. 29, 1991, in Picayune.

Mrs. Ferguson was a native of Pearl River, La. She was a member of Antioch Baptist Church.

Survivors include four daughters, Mary Lou Davis, Cindy Mitchell and Angie Myers of Picayune and Tammy Cooley of Bay St. Louis; two brothers, Shelton Pearson and Claude Pearson of Picayune; six sisters, Ida Mae Dillard and Justina Adams of Picayune, Helen Dillard of Pearl River, Jean Garcia of Columbia, Arethia Bryant of South Carolina and Letta Williams of Morton; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at Antioch Baptist Church in Picayune. Burial was in Caesar Cemetery.

McDonald Funeral Home in Picayune was in charge of arrangements.

VERA JEAN JONES
Mrs. Vera Jean Jones, 53,

Pascagoula, died Saturday, Dec. 28, 1991, in Pascagoula.

Mrs. Jones was a lifelong resident of Pascagoula. She was a senior steno of procurement at Ingalls Shipbuilding on the West Bank. She was a member of Orange Grove Methodist Church and Bethel Assembly of God.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Richard Nollie Roberts and Vera Pearl Hill.

Survivors include her husband, Marvin L. Jones of Pascagoula; a son, Phillip Boyd of Diamondhead; three daughters, Darla Jean Jones Barr of Sunnyvale, Calif., LaLinda Kaye Jones of Pascagoula and Regina Lynn Jones Seitter of St. Rose, La.; two brothers, Richard Earl Roberts of Orange Grove and Raymond Nollie Roberts of Greenville; a sister, Eileen Tanguay of Pascagoula; and three grandchildren.

Services were conducted Monday at Holder-Wells Funeral Home chapel in Moss Point, with burial in Orange Grove Cemetery.

ANTHONY V. WERNER
Anthony Victor "Anton" Werner, 79, of Picayune, died Sunday, Jan. 1, 1986.

day, December 29, 1991, in Picayune.

Mr. Werner was a native of New Orleans.

Survivors include his wife, Ella Benefield Werner of Picayune; two sons, Larry A. Werner and Felix A. Werner; and three grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted Tuesday at Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

In Memoriam



In Loving Memory of VESTIL "BLACK" POYADOU

Born July 16, 1936

Died Jan. 1, 1986

You went first and we remain To walk the road alone. We'll live in memories' garden, Dear, With happy days we've known.

In spring we'll wait for roses red,

When faded, the lilacs blue. In early fall when brown leaves fall,

We'll catch a glimpse of you.

You went first and we remain For battles to be fought.

Each thing you've touched along the way

Will be a hallowed spot.

We'll hear your voice,

We'll see your smile,

Though blindly we may grope,

The memory of your helping hand

Will buoy us on with hope.

You went first and we remain,

One thing we'll have you do:

Walk slowly down that lone, long path,

For soon we'll follow you.

We want to know

Each step you take

So we may take the same.

For some day down that lonely road,

You'll hear us call your name.

Sadly missed by your Brothers, Sisters and Children

In Memoriam

In Loving Memory of SAUL J. CUEVAS

Born June 2, 1918

Died Dec. 26, 1988

Three long years have passed since God called you.

Daddy, we miss you. You are in our prayers.

Sadly missed by Wife, Diane, Son-in-law, Grandchild, and Great-grandchildren

In Memoriam

In Loving Memory of R. J. ASHER

Died Oct. 18, 1991

I know you will not be here With us this New Year. You've only been gone for a little while.

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Smith earns scholarship

Sherri M. Smith of Bay St. Louis, left, received the Kathryn Williams Farmer Endowed Scholarship at the University of Southern Mississippi for 1991-92. The \$552 scholarship is provided by Mr. and Mrs. John Farmer of Columbia, S.C. USM President Aubrey K. Lucas, right, presided over the foundation scholarship reception. Smith is a 22-year-old senior social and rehabilitation services major and the daughter of Maria P. Smith of Bay St. Louis and the late David A. Smith.

ON PATROL

From Echo Staff Reports

LEAVING SCENE OF ACCIDENT

Hancock County Sheriff's Department Investigator Nathan Hoda reported Tuesday the arrests of a Bayou Phillips man and a Kiln resident on two separate charges of leaving the scene of an accident.

Hoda said Donald Spiers, 26, of Harbor Drive in Bayou Phillips was arrested Sunday and charged with DUI, expired tag, leaving the scene of an accident and resisting arrest after allegedly running into a portion of the fence surrounding Gulfview Elementary School in Lakeshore.

Spiers, arrested by sheriff's deputy Kenny Hurt, was released on a \$6,100 bond.

Gordon Earl Ellis, 27, of Kiln, was also reported by Hoda to have been arrested on Saturday by deputy Ray Ballard after allegedly running into a house on Gustine Road in Kiln.

Ellis was charged with no driver's license, reckless driving, and leaving the scene of an accident. He was released on a \$1,000 bond.

RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY

Gordon Earl Ellis, 27, of Kiln was reported by county investigator Nathan Hoda to have been arrested Monday and charged with receiving stolen property.

Hoda said the arrest took place at Dolly's Quick Stop in Kiln and the arresting deputies were Nathan Corky and Travis Foreman. A bond was set at \$2,500.

Leadership competitions applications due Jan. 15

Applications for the statewide Leadership Competitions at the University of Southern Mississippi are due Jan. 15.

The competitions will be March 28 for students enrolled in grades 7-12. The program will feature speeches, essays,

leadership-plans and the arts.

To obtain rules of the competitions, contact Dr. Frances Karnes, director of the USM Center for Gifted Studies, by writing Southern Station Box 8207, Hattiesburg, MS 39406-8207, or call (601) 266-5236.

ST. ANN AND ST. JOHN NEWS

A thought for meditation:

Another year is dawning.
Dear Father, let it be,
In working or in waiting,
Another year with Thee.

—F. R. Havergol

Seek ye first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you.

Matt. 6:33

If we fill our hours with regrets of yesterday and with worries of tomorrow, we have no today in which to be thankful.

Father, help me to see the beauty of today and to be thankful for what you have provided. Amen.

Saturday, Jan. 4, St. Ann-St. John Altar Society members will meet in a body during the 4 p.m. Vigil Mass at St. Ann's for the regular monthly Mass and

Holy Communion.

The Right of Catholic Initiation for Adults (RCIA) class for non-Catholics interested in learning about the Catholic faith will start toward the end of January. Those interested should contact Father Kelly (467-4746) immediately.

Pre-baptism class will be conducted Thursday, Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. in the church. Please call the rectory in advance to register.

Blessings from our pastor, Father John Kelly.

"As we pause in reflection and thank God for the blessings of 1991, we also look forward to 1992 and we ask God's special blessing and protection throughout the coming year."

"May God bless each of you during the coming year. Happy New Year, everyone!"

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Kilm church to host musical program Jan. 5

Singers from five Gulfport and New Orleans area churches will gather at 7 p.m. January 5 to participate in a special Sunday night musical program at Faith Assembly of God Church in Kiln (corner of Hwy. 603 and Hwy. 43).

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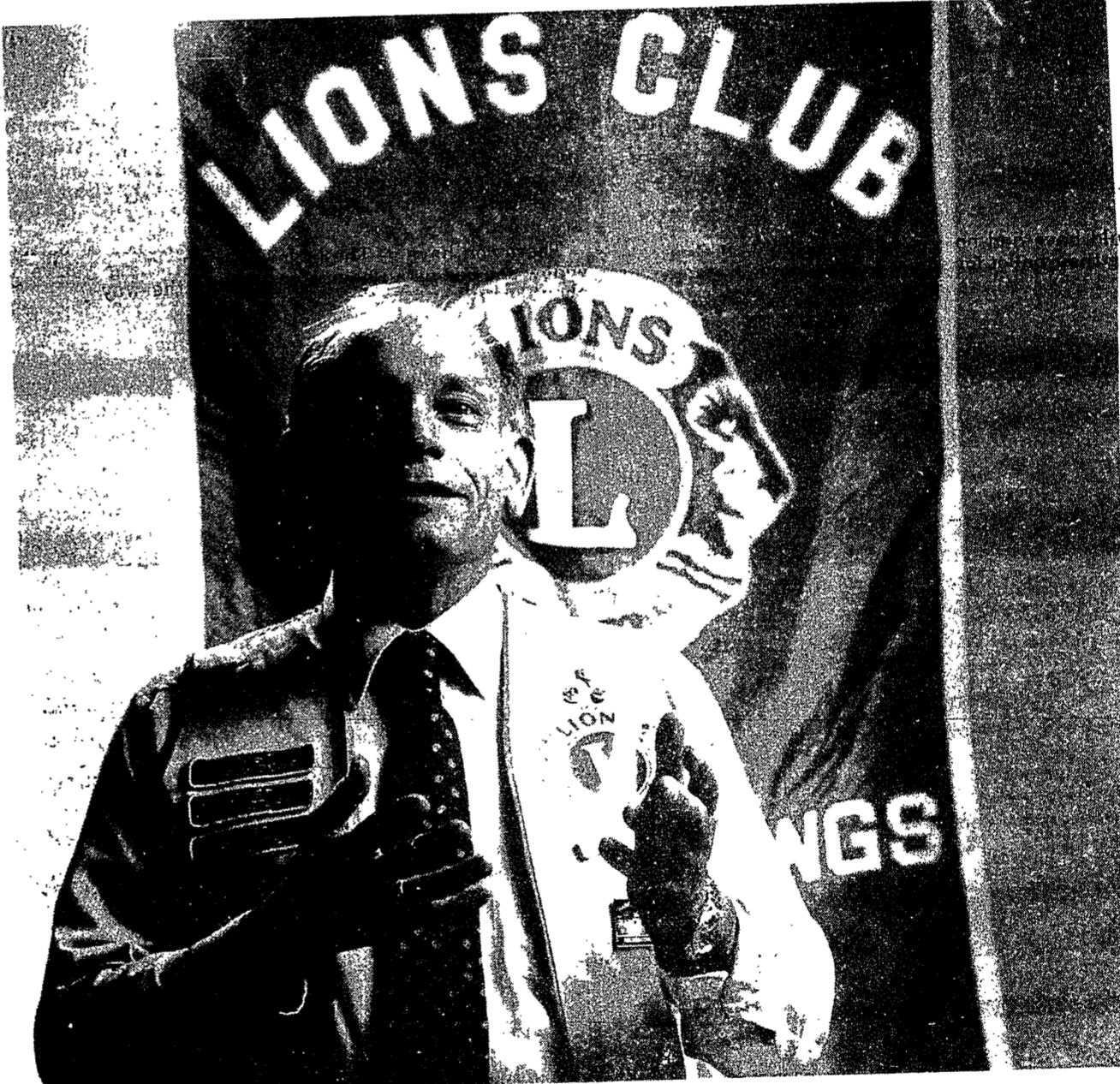
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"QUOTEABLE QUOTES"

By Ellis C. Cuevas

I am already finding out how hard it is to re-train myself to write 1992 instead of 1991.

I wonder if other folks have the same problem, especially when writing checks and dating letters.

This is something which happens to me each year, and it takes me a few weeks into the new year before I begin putting the correct year down without thinking.

It is hard to realize that 1991 is already history and we have welcomed 1992.

It seems the older we get, the faster the years go by.

I am hoping that 1992 will be a good year for everyone.

This is the time of year when we have to start thinking about property taxes which are due during the month of January.

I realize a few tax payers got an early jump and paid their property taxes during December.

Edward Murtagh, tax collector/assessor reported almost \$2 million for Hancock County and the city of Bay St. Louis in taxes were collected by his office during December.

This is good, because it gives our government leaders an opportunity to start the new year with some money in the till.

There were many years in our history when governmental agencies had to borrow money in order to start the new year.

This was good for the lending institutions, but bad for the tax payers, because this practice increased the amount it took to run the agencies.

After we take care of our property taxes, we have to start thinking about income taxes, state and federal, which are due on April 15.

The time is now to start getting all of your records together for income taxes.

I will probably start getting income tax information together some time about the first part of February.

As 1992 arrives, I am hoping this will be a big year for all residents of Hancock County.

There many things I would like to see happen in 1992 and a few of them are as follows, though not necessarily in order of importance.

New industry and expansion of others in Hancock County. This is to give our unemployed an opportunity of earning a living.

A new sand beach across our beach front from Clermont Harbor to Washington Street. This would increase tourism in our county and bring additional business to many of our merchants.

A continued effort among our governmental agencies to work together to address many of our problems.

Long range plans by county and city leaders. Not just plans for this year, but looking into the next century.

The elimination of school dropouts and good educational opportunities to former dropouts.

The above are just a few things which could help Hancock continue to be one of the faster growing counties in the state.

Best of all to everyone in 1992.

IN CONGRESS

By Rep. Gene Taylor



'At risk' students get second chance

If Mississippi is to be competitive in the future, we must educate our young people. It is shocking that a recent survey shows that more than 20 percent of Jackson County's students fail to ever receive a diploma.

However, that failure rate, along with many others throughout South Mississippi will soon be dropping. Covington, Forrest, Jasper, Jones and Perry counties, along with Moss Point, Ocean Springs and the Jackson County school districts have been awarded grants totaling several million dollars to reduce the state's current drop-out rate.

For more than a year, my staff and I have been working closely with the Department of Education in getting grants like these approved. Finally, there will be a program in many South Mississippi school systems that will identify critically at-risk youth at a very early age, before it is too late.

This program will provide the necessary steps needed to implement a regional alternative education program that

will serve as a medium for reducing the number of students who drop out of school.

It is important that we centralize all of our community resources to help at-risk youngsters continue their education; and we are now doing just that.

I want to commend school administrators and business leaders for their efforts. Their decision to build a local support base for planning and organizational purposes, before seeking federal grant monies, improved their chances tremendously when applying for federal assistance.

Hopefully, more school districts throughout our state will soon follow South Mississippi's lead. We need to continue to make every effort to save these students from the unemployment lines of the future. With the goals we have set, we can reduce absences. We can reduce the numbers of students performing below the norm. And we can increase their grade point averages.

Because the program insures

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Hancock County

By Doc Toups

'92 ALREADY? WHOA! I'M STILL WORKING ON MOST OF '91, SEVERAL MONTHS OF '90, A WEEK OF '89... AND A COUPLE OF DAYS IN '75...



FROM THE CAPITOL

By Governor Ray Mabus

Volunteerism on increase in state of Mississippi

We have many things to be proud of in Mississippi, and we prove our pride with what we return to our communities.

Whenever it's feeding our needy citizens or finding homes for lost pets, we are proving our pride.

Whether it's helping low income families build their dream house or holding out a hand for children in need, we are proving our pride.

Those volunteers are the front line soldiers in our daily struggle to give something back to the community. Today, however, I'd like to talk to you a little about some of the other volunteers who have been working behind the scenes to give something back to those who are in the trenches.

It all began back in the fall of 1988. That's when Spence Bonjean, the branch manager of IBM in Jackson, asked his employees to give up their annual outing and volunteer to work for one day, giving a "labor of love" back to the community.

Last year, the effort had grown to 19 organizations, providing over 800 volunteers to work on service projects throughout the Jackson area.

These volunteers were allowed time off to work by their employers to work at 21 different agencies and given tasks such as painting, general cleaning,

landscaping and, in a phrase, "rolling up their sleeves and applying some much needed elbow grease."

It is because of the success of this program, I have proclaimed the week of November 11 through 15 as Community Service Week in Mississippi.

The 1991 Community Service Week has been expanded to involve corporate volunteers statewide. These volunteers, representing over 50 Mississippi firms, will work to supplement staff and resources of community organizations and to help their fellow citizens in need.

This labor of love will not only benefit the community, it gives pride to those who participate in such a selfless gesture.

I would encourage our businesses and our citizens to observe this week by seeking out an area in their community and devote a few hours to a local community group, a worthwhile cause or a needy individual.

Corporate and individual volunteerism is the cornerstone of every community. As we move closer to the holiday season, I urge all Mississippians to show their pride by making a habit out of helping.

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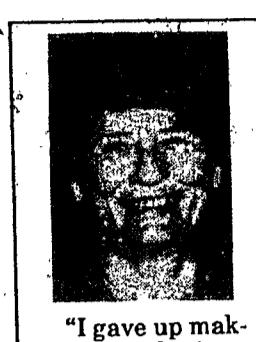
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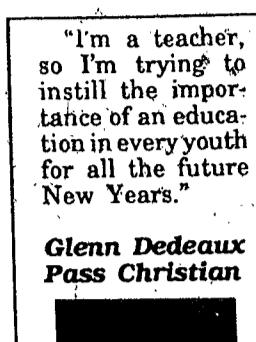
STREET TALK

What is your New Year's resolution?



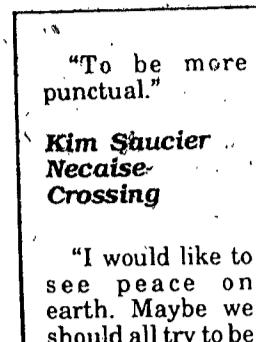
"I gave up making resolutions some time ago, basically because I never keep them, and it's frustrating."

Cal Rogers
Diamondhead



"I'm a teacher, so I'm trying to instill the importance of an education in every youth for all the future New Years."

Glenn Dedeaux
Pass Christian

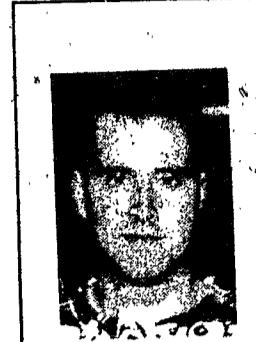


"To be more punctual."

Kim Staucier
Necessaire-Crossing

"I would like to see peace on earth. Maybe we should all try to be a little slower and calmer and more understanding in the New Year."

Emily Carr
Bay St. Louis



"Go to the walking track every day, stop smoking and double my business."

Zoe Bretzius-Bowers
Bay St. Louis

"Quit smoking."

Kiel Ehrhardt
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Sverdrup awarded ASRM subcontract

Sverdrup Technology Inc. of Tullahoma, Tenn., completed negotiations with the Aerojet ASRM Division to provide engineering support services during the design, construction, and validation phases of the new Advanced Solid Rocket Motor (ASRM) test facilities under construction at NASA's Stennis Space Center.

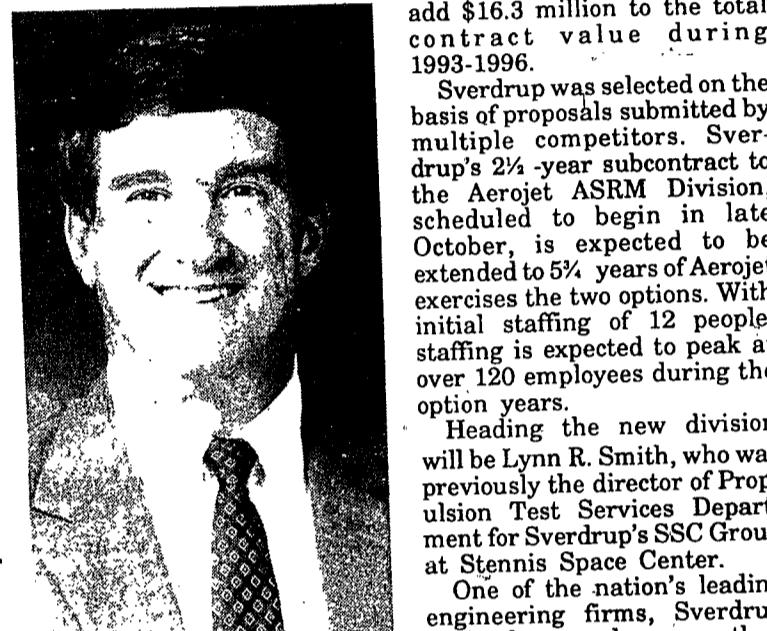
The contract is expected to amount to approximately \$2.9 million and will result in the formation of a new "start-up" Sverdrup organization called the ASRM Division.

"We are excited at the prospect of playing a major role in future research and development

ment testing of the ASRM which has been chosen to help propel the next generation of space shuttles," said Dr. Sam Pate, president of Sverdrup Technology.

"The ASRM is designed to improve the safety of the shuttle system and allow the orbiter to carry an additional 12,000 pounds of payload."

If Aerojet exercised two additional option phases, Sverdrup will also perform test and facility operations and maintenance support at the new facility for the full-scale ASRM research and development ground testing slated to begin at SSC in 1993. The option phases could



Lynn R. Smith

add \$16.3 million to the total contract value during 1993-1996.

Sverdrup was selected on the basis of proposals submitted by multiple competitors. Sverdrup's 2½-year subcontract to the Aerojet ASRM Division, scheduled to begin in late October, is expected to be extended to 5½ years if Aerojet exercises the two options. With initial staffing of 12 people, staffing is expected to peak at over 120 employees during the option years.

Heading the new division will be Lynn R. Smith, who was previously the director of Propulsion Test Services Department for Sverdrup's SSC Group at Stennis Space Center.

One of the nation's leading engineering firms, Sverdrup Technology employs more than 3,200 employees at locations across the country.

Annexation

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reduction in residential property taxes resulting from a development at Bay Cove and its revenues will benefit only city residents and not those in the county if the annexation is unopposed.

His final point against the annexation deal with the fire protection district which currently serves the area, Cuevas said if the revenues from that area are removed by annexation, he thinks the East Hancock Fire Protection District will not be able to continue providing good service to the people in the district.

"In closing, I would like to recommend wholeheartedly that the board oppose the annexation of Bay Cove Harbour," he concluded.

The Bay St. Louis city council voted December 9 to annex the Bay Cove/Cedar Point area, a space which includes 600 acres, only about 200 of which is land.

Annexation is contingent upon approval by the Chancery Court, which must hear the petition for annexation and any objections to it.

Bay St. Louis Mayor Edward Favre commented in response, "I appreciate the rest of the board for not changing its mind and rescinding its vote."

"While I appreciate Mr. Cuevas's concerns, I stand by my previous comments about the benefits to the people in the area being annexed and about the justification for the annexation.

Those justifications include that the area in question is isolated from the rest of the county by the city itself; the city stands ready to provide utilities — water, gas and sewer — and fire protection, as well as police protection; and since it is a logical step to take, we have talked about annexing this area since long before the gaming election in 1990."

Taylor

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that each student at risk is assigned a business representative from the community, we are assured an effective tool to involve students with role models outside the classroom. Getting students, teachers, parents, business, industry and the general public involved, is the key to this program's success.

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Supervisors

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ADULT DANCE

The Saints and Sinners adult dance will be Saturday, January 11, from 8 p.m. until midnight at St. Clare Parish Hall, South Beach Boulevard, Waveland. Music will be provided by the Shamrocks of New Orleans.

Taxes

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employer find their present health coverage changed by transferal of ownership, only a record of an attempt to change ownership is required for application approval.

With tax time approaching, Small asks that people take the time out to investigate various avenues open to them through which their hard-earned dollars can be better applied.

Miss. Sound closed to trawling

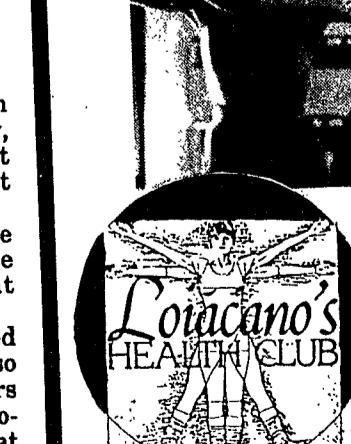
The Mississippi Sound, north of the intracoastal Waterway, will close to all trawling, except bait trawling, at midnight tonight.

All bay waters north of the CSX railroad bridges will close to bait trawling also at midnight.

These closures are mandated by state law. State law also mandates that all state waters close to trawling April 30 to protect juvenile brown shrimp that will make up the 1992 summer harvest.

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20 Lb. Bag Field Trial Chunks	3.38	4.12	N/A
28 Oz. Bush Baked Beans	.91	.87	.99
15 Oz. Bridgeford White Bread Dough	1.47	N/A	1.79
64 Oz. Era Liquid Detergent	3.89	4.98	5.75
24 Oz. Butterworth Syrup	2.34	N/A	3.19
14.5 Oz. Hunt's Whole Tomatoes	.50	.50	.79
21.5 Oz. Betty Crocker Family Fudge Brownie	1.24	1.27	1.79
32 Oz. Hungry Jack Buttermilk Complete	1.42	N/A	1.49
64 Oz. Arm & Hammer Baking Soda	1.69	1.92	N/A
10 Ct. Chocolate Carnation Instant Breakfast	3.54	3.76	5.99
22 Oz. Lucky Leaf Apple Pie Filling	.99	1.73	1.69
32 Oz. Drano Liquid	1.76	2.03	N/A
64 Oz. Welch's Grape Juice	2.30	2.63	3.55
Benadryl Plus Tablets	4.48	4.58	N/A
6 Oz. Regular Arrid Ex-Dry Spray	2.66	N/A	2.95
4-26/27 Small Dog Blockade	3.96	5.97	5.99
6 Pack Electric Burner Bibs	.76	1.37	1.39

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Fryer Drumsticks

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LB.

Harvest Fresh 10 Lb. Bag Red Or Russet Potatoes

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BAG

W-D Select Lean Fresh Pork Picnic Roast

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LB.

Harvest Fresh Crispy Lettuce

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W-D U.S.D.A. Choice Beef (Bone In) Sirloin Steaks

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LB.

Charmin Tissue

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W-D 85%Lean Market Style (3 Lbs. Or More) Ground Turkey

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BY JANET
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Recycle Christmas trees into useful mulch January 4-10

BY JANET MCQUEEN

For those of you who are still enjoying your decorated Christmas tree, there is an opportunity to turn it into something useful for the community.

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a tree chipping project this weekend in cooperation with Mississippi Power Company and the county Cooperative Extension Service.

Trees may be dropped off behind the county civic center on Longfellow Saturday, Jan. 4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Those received will be chipped to create an organic mulch that will be used in county beautification projects.

The city of Waveland routinely grinds trees and limbs into mulch, which is used to maintain landscape projects. Betsy Phillips requests trees be placed curbside on the day trash (yard debris) is picked up. Trees should not be placed out for garbage pickup.

"We have done it (recycled) for years," said Phillips.

Bay St. Louis will also pick up trees January 6-10, which will be chipped and used for city projects.

County Agent Randy Smith said mulch made from dead Christmas trees brightens

landscapes, reduces weeds and water evaporation, and keeps the soil warm in winter and cool in summer.

Other uses for dead trees include creating fish structures in lakes and waterways; marsh stabilization; and stream bank erosion control. Smith said anyone who decides to use trees for one of these purposes must adhere to all county, state and federal laws and permits.

NOTICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Applicants are now being taken for the Hancock County Sheriff's Office. Applicants must conform to the civil service requirements in regard to residency, etc. Further information may be obtained by calling Lt. Tartavoule, 467-5101 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and applications will not be accepted after January 31, 1992, at 5:00 p.m. for this test. Entrance exam for the sheriff's department will be given February 11, 1992 at 6:00 p.m. in the courtroom of the Hancock County Courthouse. The county of Hancock does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, religion, age and handicapped status in employment or the provision of service.

HANCOCK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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Diamondhead Fire Protection District of Hancock County Financial Statements September 30, 1991

MOORE &
POWELL

December 31, 1991

Board of Commissioners
Diamondhead Fire Protection District
of Hancock County
Kalani Drive
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520

We have compiled the accompanying financial statements of the Diamondhead Fire Protection District of Hancock County as of September 30, 1991, and for the year then ended, in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

Moore & Powell

Diamondhead Fire Protection District of Hancock County
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES
AND ACCOUNT GROUPS

September 30, 1991

Fund Types	Account Groups	Totals
Special Revenue	General Fixed Assets	(Memorandum Only)
	1991	1990
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 78,724	78,724 34,835
Taxes receivable	5,745	5,745 933
Interest receivable		148
Fixed assets (Note 2)	326,369	326,369 325,004
Total assets	\$ 84,469	326,369 410,938 360,921
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 13,617	13,617
Deferred income	21,500	21,500
Total liabilities	35,117	35,117
FUND EQUITY		
Investment in general fixed assets	326,369	326,369 325,004
Fund balance:		
Unreserved	49,352	49,352 35,917
Undesignated		
Total fund equity	\$ 49,352	326,369 375,721 360,921
Total liabilities and fund equity	\$ 84,469	326,369 410,938 360,921

see accountant's compilation report.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

EXHIBIT B

Diamondhead Fire Protection District of Hancock County
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND
Years Ended September 30, 1991 and 1990

	1991	1990
REVENUES		
Taxes	\$ 70,709	59,129
Charges for services	116,880	114,420
Miscellaneous revenues	53,995	54,879
Total revenues	241,584	223,428
EXPENDITURES		
Personal services	186,294	165,269
Supplies	8,961	10,761
Other services and charges	31,529	29,384
Capital outlay	1,365	5,293
Total expenditures	228,149	210,507
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	13,435	17,921
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		
Proceeds from sale of general fixed assets		65
Total other financing sources		65
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures	13,435	18,571
Fund balances, October 1	35,917	17,316
Fund balances, September 30	\$ 49,352	18,571

See accountant's compilation report.

The accompanying notes and schedules are an integral part of these financial statements.

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the Diamondhead Fire Protection District of Hancock County conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the significant policies:

Basis of Accounting — The modified accrual basis of accounting is followed by the District. Modifications in such method from the accrual basis are as follows:

- A. Revenues are recorded as received in cash except for those that are susceptible to accrual and those that are material that have not been received at the normal time of receipt.
- B. Expenditures are recorded on an accrual basis except for:

- 1) disbursements for inventory type items, which are considered as expenditures at the time of purchase;
- 2) prepaid expenses, which are not recorded;
- 3) interest on long-term debt, which is recorded as an expenditure only when payment is due.

General Fixed Assets — General fixed assets are recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase. The fixed assets are capitalized at cost in the general fixed assets group of accounts. No depreciation is recorded on the fixed assets carried in the general fixed assets group of accounts.

Total Columns on Combined Statements — Total columns on the Combined Statements are captioned Memorandum Only to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interim eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of these data.

Compensated Absences — The cost of vacation and sick leave is recorded as paid. If these benefits were accrued in earned there would not be a material effect on the financial statements.

Diamondhead Fire Protection District of Hancock County Notes to Financial Statements Year Ended September 30, 1991

Note 2: Changes in General Fixed Assets

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

	Balance 10/1/90	Additions	Debits	Balance 10/31/91
Building	\$ 92,500			92,500
Vehicles	174,720			174,720
Communications equipment	30,536			30,536
Computer	3,478	1,365		4,843
Other equipment	21,770			21,770
Totals	\$ 325,004	1,365		326,369

The balance at October 1, 1990 includes the cost of items donated to the District since its' inception, valued at donor's cost.

Note 3: Insurance Rebate

Hancock County receives a rebate from the state each year based on fire insurance premiums. The County allocates this rebate to the various governmental entities in the County which provide fire protection and gives each entity a credit for its share of the allocation. The District had a credit of \$5,547 which was carried forward from the fiscal year ending September 30, 1990. The District's allocation for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1991 was \$8,764 of which \$7,264 was available for general purpose expenditures and \$1,500 was available for capital outlay purposes. The funds are disbursed by the County only upon submission of qualified invoices by the District. Therefore, the revenue from these rebates is recorded only as the expenditures are made by the County. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 1991 the District expended \$3,156 for general purpose expenditures and \$895 for capital outlay purposes. The \$1,260 credit was carried forward to the fiscal year ending September 30, 1992.

Note 4: Defined Benefit Pension Plan

All Diamondhead Fire Protection District of Hancock County (the District) full-time employees participate in the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension employee retirement system. The payroll for employees covered by PERS for the year ended June 30, 1991 was \$2,499,679,000; the District total payroll was \$17,138.

Membership in PERS is a condition of employment and eligibility is granted upon hiring for all State agency and university employees if the employee is less than 60 years of age. For those employed by political subdivisions and instrumentalities of the State, membership is contingent upon the PERS Board of Trustees' approval of their employer's plan. If approved, membership is a condition of employment and eligibility is granted upon hiring. If an employee is over age 60, membership is optional.

Participating employees who retire at or after age 60 with four years of credited service are entitled to an annual retirement allowance, payable monthly for life, in an amount equal to 1-7/8% of their average compensation for each year of credited service up to and including 25 years and 2% for each year of credited service over 25 years. Average compensation is the average of the employee's earnings during the four highest compensated consecutive years of credited service. A member may elect an option for a reduced allowance payable for life with the provision that, after death, a beneficiary receives benefits for life or for a specified number of years. Benefits vest upon completion of four years of credited service. The System also provides certain death and disability benefits.

Retirees and beneficiaries who on December 1 of each year are receiving a retirement allowance are entitled to receive an additional payment equal to the annual percentage change of the consumer price index not to exceed 1-1/2% of the annual retirement allowance for each full fiscal year of retirement. These persons may also receive an additional amount, as determined by the PERS Board of Trustees (contingent upon sufficient funding), calculated in increments of 1/4 of 1%, not to exceed 1-1/2% of the annual retirement allowance for each full year of retirement. For the year ended June 30, 1991, the total additional payments of \$31,125,000 were related entirely to the change in the consumer price index.

Covered employees of the District are required by statute to contribute 6.5% of their salary to PERS. The required employee contribution rate effective July 1, 1991 is 7.5%. If an employee leaves covered employment, accumulated employee contributions plus related investment earnings allocations are refunded to the employee or designated beneficiary. Investment earnings allocations were 5% in 1991. Each participating employer is required by statute to contribute the remaining amounts necessary to finance the coverage of its own employees. Benefit and contribution provisions are established by State law and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi legislature. The contribution requirement for the year June 30, 1991 was \$1,655, which consisted of \$10,981 from the City and \$8,662 from employees. The employer contributions represented 9.75% of covered payroll, respectively.

The "pension benefit obligation" is a stand alone disclosure measure of the present value of pension benefits adjusted for the effects of projected salary increases estimated to be payable in the future as a result of employee service to date. The measure, which is the actuarial present value of credited projected benefits, is intended to help users assess PERS' funding status on a going-concern basis, assess progress made in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due, and make comparisons among PERS and employers. PERS does not make separate measurements of assets and pension benefit obligation for individual employers. The pension benefit obligation at June 30, 1991 for PERS as a whole, determined through an actuarial valuation performed as of that date, was \$6,656 million. PERS' net assets available for benefits on that date (valued at cost) were \$4,546 million, leaving an unfunded pension benefit obligation of \$2,110 million. The District's 1991 contribution represented less than one percent of total contributions required of all participating entities.

Ten-year historical trend information showing PERS' progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is presented in the table below. June 30, 1991 is the most recent financial report.

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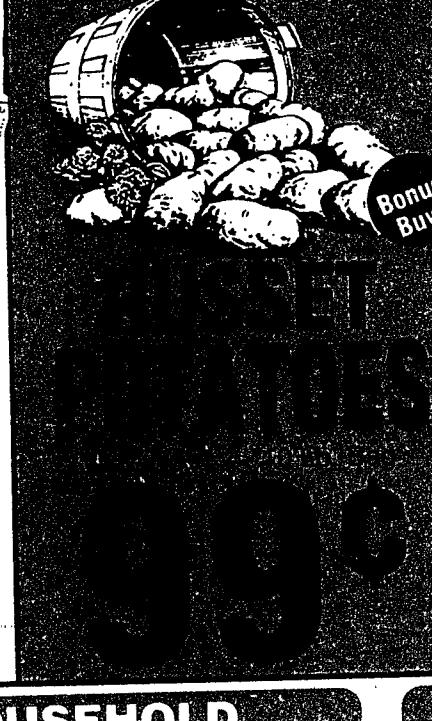
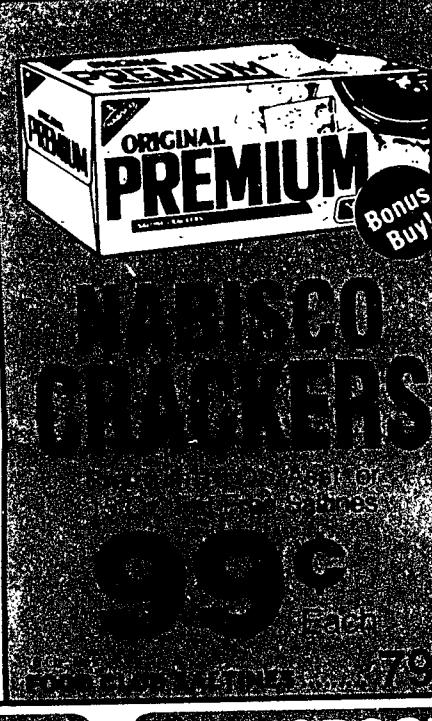
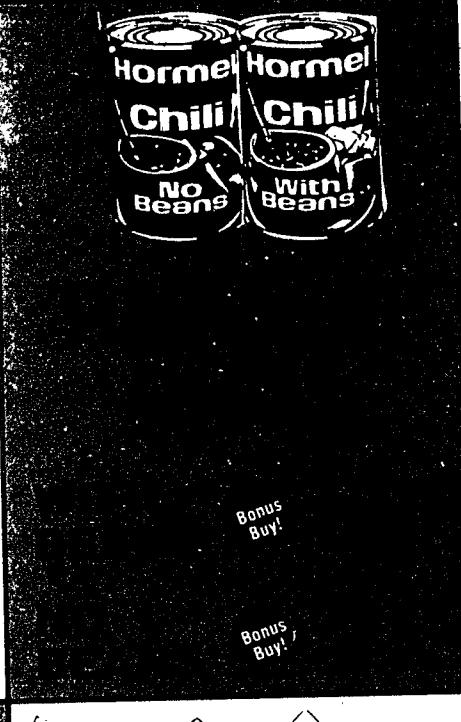
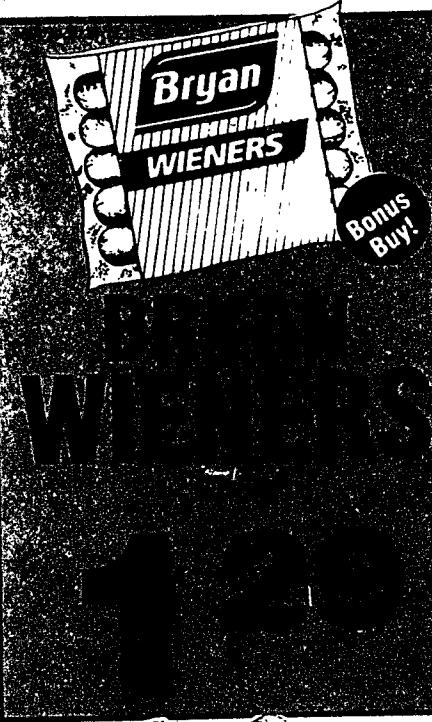
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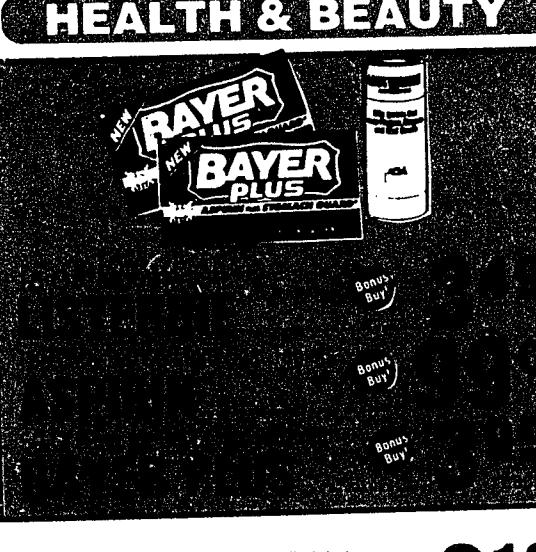
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TIME OUT

Bay St. Louis Little League officers will meet January 16 at 7 p.m. at the Jaycee Hall on St. John Street. Coaches, parents and umpires are invited to attend.

New officers for the 1992 season are president, Earl Fayard; vice-president, Mike Favre; secretary, Evelyn Yarborough; treasurer, Rhonda Schultz; and player/agent, Art Rieben.

The Bay Area Youth Soccer (BAYS) organization is seeking additional players for the Under 10 Boys league. A \$40 registration fee includes a team T-shirt, shorts and regulation socks.

The spring practice season begins January 8.

For additional information about registration, contact Virginia Kenny at 467-4989 (leave message).

The Diamondhead Women's Golf Association hosted a tournament December 26 at the Diamondhead Pine Course. Results are:

First flight: 1. Lee Arnold; 2. Hazel Manion; 3. Bonnie Coughtry.
Second flight: 1. Mitzi Lenz; 2. Thelma Hopkins; 3. Susan Chapman.
Closest to pin, No. 13: Hazel Manion.

Gulf Coast Running Club Calendar of upcoming events for 1992 includes:
Jan. 25 — YMCA 10K and 2-Mile, Long Beach.
For more information call Lindo Sullivan, GCRC president, at 832-6071.

The St. Stanislaus Rock-A-Chaws were defeated by Tupelo, 2-1, Saturday in the Harrison Central Invitational Soccer Tournament at Harrison Central.

Friday afternoon, SSC tied with Brandon, 1-1, and lost to Long Beach, 2-1.

The Long Beach YMCA 5th Annual 10K Winter Classic and 2-mile Health Run-Walk will be Saturday, Jan. 25. The Long Beach YMCA is sponsoring the race. Entry fee is \$7 for Gulf Coast Running Club members, \$9 for non-members by January 18; \$10 for late registrants; \$5 for all children in the 2-mile health run-walk.

For more information, call Lindo Sullivan at 832-6071 or Marty Kern at 864-1223.

The deadline for contributions to *Time Out* is Tuesday afternoon prior to publication. Items may be mailed to The Sea Coast Echo at P.O. Box 2009, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521. Short items may be submitted by phone at 467-5474.



Bay High Soccer Players of Week

Bay High School soccer players were honored for their outstanding contributions to the team, according to coach Kathy McDowell. Clockwise from upper right are Brenan Comprette, chosen for defensive efforts Dec. 2-6; Lee Murphy, defense, Dec. 9-13; Joe Dobson, offense, November; Danny Harvill, defense, November; and Richard Watson, offense, Dec. 2-6 and Dec. 9-13. (Photos by Jimmy Loiacono)

Hancock girls claim tournament title

The Hancock High School Hawkettes, now 10-2, won in double-overtime Saturday to take the Chalmette Tournament title in Chalmette, La.

Leah Smith and Stacy Ladner combined for 58 points in the 78-72 victory over St. Bernard. Smith netted 31, while Ladner had 27.

Others scoring for the Hawkettes were LaShea Ladner, 8;

Shawntel Cuevas, 6; DesaRae Ladner, 2; Vickie Cuevas, 2; Jennifer Necaise, 1; and Rhonda Doyle, 1.

LaShea Ladner had 12 rebounds, while Leah Smith and Rhonda Doyle each had 4 steals.

Earlier in the tournament, the Hawkettes beat Grace King, 63-40, and Chalmette, 43-41 in

overtime.

Leah Smith was high scorer in the Grace King game, with 22 points. Others adding points were Vickie Cuevas, 12; Stacey Ladner, 9; LaShea Ladner, 8; Chellie Ladner, 8; Jennifer Necaise, 2; and Shawntel Cuevas, 2.

Stacey Ladner led in rebounds with 6. Jennifer Necaise had 6 steals, and Rhonda Doyle had 7 assists.

Scoring for the Hawkettes in the Chalmette game were Stacey Ladner, 20; LaShea Ladner, 10; Leah Smith, 8; Jennifer Necaise, 2; Vickie Cuevas, 2; and Rhonda Doyle, 1.

The Hancock girls travel to Picayune tonight for the Picayune Invitational Tournament.



Bay High Lady Tigers

Members of the Bay High School Lady Tiger basketball team are, kneeling from left, Angelle Duncan, Tory Gibson, Kellie Zimmerman, Kim Haynes, Turkessa McGowan and LaChina Tillman; back row, Madeleine Summers, Carla Sanders, Stacy Henley, Angelia Necaise, Taaya Dawson and manager Alicia Jordan. The team is coached by Ann Lathrop, right. (Photo by T. H. (Doc) Toups)

'Evening at Aquarium' schedule told

The J. L. Scott Marine Education Center and Aquarium in Biloxi will continue its Evening at the Aquarium program in 1992 with a variety of new topics, according to Dr. John P. Steen, assistant coordinator of educational programs.

The educational series is co-sponsored by Gulf Coast Research Laboratory and the Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium. All pro-

grams will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesdays.

"In arranging our 1992 schedule, we've tried to find new subjects that will interest the whole family," Steen said. "We will extend our free admission policy for the programs, and will continue to invite our visitors to tour our aquarium room after the conclusion of the presentations."

Programs planned for the

coming year include:

Jan. 21—"From Fins to Feathers: The Menhaden Connection" with Mr. Pyor Bailey of Zapata Haynie Corp.

Feb. 18—"The Latest in Oysters" with Dr. David Veal, Sea Grant Advisory Service.

March 17—"Crabs of the Deep" with Ms. Harriet Perry of Gulf Coast Research Laboratory.

April 21—"Underwater

Mining—Should You Mind?" with Dr. J. R. Woolsey of the Mississippi Mineral Resources Institute.

May 19—"Fishing and Teaching with Satellites" with Mr. Sam Burkett of the Mississippi State University Research Center at the Stennis Space Center.

June 16—"A Hole in the Sky:

AQUARIUM—Page 2B

It's time to go fishin' y'all.

The turtle wishes all you fishin' buddies a very happy New Year.

That overweight gentleman from the North Pole tells me that a lot of fishin' buddies got all kinds of new equipment that absolutely, positively, without a doubt, is unconditionally guaranteed to put the heebie jeebies on the fish (I think that means that you are supposed to catch more fish with this fancy new equipment).

I wish that I could tell you all where to go to give your new or your old equipment a real good workout with the fish, but the reports coming in indicate that the fishin' is real slow.

Got some reports from the area around the Jourdan River that indicated that the white perch are biting in the brush piles in and around the river.

The bait that has been produc-

ing is grass shrimp.

The Pearl River area is still producing a few specks, reds, a few huge-mouth bass, white perch and some hand-size blue gills.

For sure you know that they are not all biting on the same bait. But, one person caught reds, specks and huge mouth bass on the same bait (this turtle).

The bait that produced was a one-quarter-ounce white jig

FISHIN' Y'ALL

By Jim Maness

How the oyster industry got started on the Coast and other fishin' tales

head with a motor oil colored minnow body. All three types fish caught on this bait were caught in the canals around Herron Bay.

The blue gills and the white perch are most productive in the bayous and canals off the Pearl River.

The best bait right now seems to be grass shrimp. If you make sure to bring a small mesh dip net with the rest of your gear, you will be able to catch your own bait in the shallow areas of the bayous and canals.

Since the fishin' has been a little slow and the oysters have been outstandingly scrumptiously delicious lately, I felt it was absolutely imperative to find out more information about these gastronomical bivalve delights. So, I took off like a herd of turtles to find out who, or what, started people to eatin' oysters.

You got to admit that the first people to come upon the sight of oysters must have been pretty doggone hungry, because there is nothing beautiful or appetizing about oyster shells.

In Louisiana, which seems to be the largest producer of oysters in the country, the industry got its big start when some folks

FISHIN'—Page 3B



Bay High 9th graders

Members of the Bay High School ninth grade basketball team are, kneeling from left, Exavier Lewis, Robert Vontouette and Alfred Selle; standing, Jason Smith, Michael Price, Leroy Hawkins and Lydell Haynes. Not pictured are Mark Duprey, Shawn Gibbons and Bradford Laneaux. (Photo by T. H. (Doc) Toups)



Public comment sought on Gulf marine debris program

The Environmental Protection Agency's Gulf of Mexico Program Office announced the release of the draft "Marine Debris Action Plan for the Gulf of Mexico."

This plan outlines necessary steps for eliminating the marine debris problem in the Gulf of Mexico, and identifies the agencies and organizations responsible for implementing such actions in the Gulf of Mexico.

This begins the public comment period on the document from now until the end of May, 1992. Copies may be obtained

from state environmental agencies or the Gulf of Mexico Program Office.

Marine debris has been identified by the Gulf of Mexico Program as one of the most pressing environmental problems facing the Gulf.

Volunteers, including many from Hancock County, have collected debris in the form of discarded cans, plastics and other trash, averages up to one ton per mile along the U.S. Gulf shoreline.

Marine debris causes loss of marine life, declines in tourism and trade, increases expenditures by coastal county governments, reduces property values and in some cases, poses a threat to human health and safety.

To address this problem, the Gulf of Mexico Program formed a Marine Debris Subcommittee comprised of marine debris experts representing federal, state and local government officials, scientists, private industry representatives, and citizen and public interest organizations.

After a three-year investigation, the Gulf of Mexico Program proposed solutions that were developed into a draft

"Marine Debris Action Plan for the Gulf of Mexico."

The action plan represents a major step forward in confronting the problem of marine debris and specifies activities needed to reduce, and eventually eliminate, marine debris from Northern Gulf of Mexico shores and waters.

The action plan goals are:

- To eliminate the illegal disposal and careless loss of solid waste;

-To eliminate existing debris;

-To foster price, stewardship and an increased understanding of the Gulf's marine and coastal resources among the people and groups who use them.

To meet these goals, the marine debris subcommittee proposed the following four strategies in the action plan: monitoring and assessment, enforcement and cooperation, pollution prevention and public education and outreach.

These four strategies expand into 55 "action items" that represent specific tasks which will address the marine debris problem.

"The action items listed in

the draft 'Marine Debris Action Plan for the Gulf' reflect the birth of a living document and a process that will change as needs for addressing marine debris in the Gulf of Mexico change," said Dr. Douglas A. Lipka, director of the Gulf of Mexico Program.

Once action items have served their purpose in addressing the problems of Gulf marine debris, new proposals will be developed to address other problems.

"The draft is a positive step in making a stand against pollution related problems," Lipka said. "The degree of support and dedication everyone in the Gulf region has shown in seeing that this problem is resolved has been impressive," he added.

For more information or a copy of the draft 'Marine Debris Action Plan,' contact Gulf of Mexico Program, Bill Hollands, 601-688-3726; or State of Mississippi, Dave Rupple, 601-385-5882 or write Gulf of Mexico Program Office, Marine Debris Public Comment, Building 1103, Room 202, Stennis Space Center, Mississippi 39529-6000.

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the Ozone Problem" with Dr. Juan Park of the National Institute for Global Environmental Change at Tulane University July 21—"Indian Herbs and Foods: History and Usage" with Ms. Nina Gale Thrower of the Poarch Creek Indian Reservation.

Aug. 18—"The Ants That Ate the South" with Dr. Tim Lockley of the USDA Imported Fire Ant Laboratory.

Sept. 19—"Microecology: Answer to 21st Century Pollution Problems" with Dr. Bill Wolverton of Wolverton Environmental Services.

Oct. 20—"Surviving Man: Eagles, Wolves and Others" with Mr. Doug Hunt of Gulf Islands National Seashore.

Nov. 10—"The Universe: Some Assembly Required" with Dr. Jim McMurtry of the Aerospace Education Services Program at the Stennis Space Center.

Dec. 8—"Science Fairs Again—From Idea to Exhibit" with Dr. Sheila A. Hargrove of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Dr. Sharon H. Walker of the J. L. Scott Marine Education Center and Aquarium, and Ms. Dianne Nazaretti of Candlelight Galleries.

Favre named to All-Star football teams



Keene Favre

Jonathan "Keene" Favre, son of Don and Dawn Favre and grandson of Lydia Monti Favre, is a senior honors student at Corona Del Sol High School in Tempe, Ariz.

As a member of the Aztec Football Team, he played middle linebacker and center. The team made it to the semi-finals of the state 5-A playoffs. He was recently voted to the All City, All Southeast Valley, All-East Valley and Phoenix Metro All Star football teams.

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If you're wondering where bass may be hiding this time of year and which lures they'll hit, think jigs and boat docks.

That's the advice of tournament pro and former bass fishing guide David Wharton, who seldom fishes any lake without visiting at least some of its piers and boat docks.

"Boat docks offer cover, food, shade, and often deep water to bass," explains the Johnson Outboards Pro Staff angler, "so you can usually find fish on them year-round. On some lakes, boat docks are actually the primary cover bass use."

"I have spent entire tournaments fishing nothing but boat docks, and done extremely well."

The best boat docks are those with brush piles around them, Wharton explains, because the brush attracts and holds baitfish, which in turn draw in bass and other gamefish.

"Pier and boat dock owners normally put out brush to

attract fish," says Wharton, "because they enjoy fishing themselves. Thus, the best ways to find docks with this type of cover are to look for piers that have fishing rods, rod holders, or even lights on them. You can bet a boat dock that has rod holders mounted along the railing has brush around it."

Then, continues the Johnson pro, you can probe the area with one of several lures, including a crankbait, plastic worm, or jig. Now in the winter months, Wharton prefers to use a jig.

"Bass have a lot of options on large boat docks," he explains, "so you have to fish them thoroughly. Begin by working the outermost edges first, paying particular attention to the corners. Corners give bass the most cover, and those corners on the end of the dock are usually the closest to deeper water."

"Also, this is where people tend to put their brush, too."

After fishing around the outermost edges, Wharton recommends fishing the various pilings or supports, as well as aiming some underhand casts beneath the dock itself, if possible.

Wharton says some docks may have more fish on them than other docks, regardless of the amount of brush present.

"Sometimes boat docks closest to the mouth of a cove or creek will have more bass because they attract fish from the main lake, or serve as a holding point for fish moving in and out of the cove," he explains.

"Larger, wider boat docks are always worth trying, as are those docks that extend the farthest out in the water."

The main thing to remember

about boat docks is that the less natural cover a lake offers to bass, the more important boat docks are to them. Thus, many of the clearer lakes like Lake Lanier in Georgia or Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri offer excellent boat dock fishing."

If you don't plan to use your boat for more than two weeks this winter, the service technicians at OMC recommend treating your gasoline with a fuel stabilizer, such as OMC's 2 + 4 Fuel Conditioner.

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Fishin'

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came to America from Yugoslavia.

It seems that these folks from Yugoslavia had gotten hungry enough in the past to not only eat oysters but to develop a method of cultivating the bivalves. Matter of fact, they made some pretty good change selling their oysters to the residents of ancient Rome. The Romans routinely included oysters on all of their sit-down feasts.

Naturally, the folks of Yugoslavia learned bunches on the care and feeding of oysters. So it was only natural for them to try and cultivate oysters when they came to the new country. The only problem that they had was that the oysters in Bayou Country were growing in fresh water and therefore had very little taste.

Then, around 1800 some bright guy got the idea to take a boat load of oysters to the edge of the Gulf and dump them overboard for a few weeks.

When he went back to pick them up he found that they have a good salty taste. Even better, he found that when other people ate these new salty oysters, they liked them and asked for more. So, the guy with the salty oysters started making money, which means that everyone soon got into the act. That, folks, is how the oyster industry got its start on the Gulf

Coast.

Now, what about this business about not eating oysters in a month that has an R? To answer that question we have to go back to the olden days.

You see, in the olden days they did not have refrigeration, you know, iceeaa boxes, and since the oysters were taken from the fresh water bayous where they grow the fastest to the salt water, where they pick up that wonderful salty taste, they took a long time to get to your table after they were taken out of the water; and since the months with an R in them are normally hot months, the oysters would spoil on the way to the market.

That is why it used to be that you would not eat oysters in a warm month of the year. Nowadays we can enjoy oysters 12 months of the year.

But you didn't know that too much salty water is bad for oysters?

That's a fact, when the salt content of the water is above 24 ppt the oysters are attacked by predators more frequently, and certain types of bacteria that kill the oysters become more abundant.

So the next time you enjoy your oysters, remember that you are eating the food of the ancient Romans, grown in ways similar to the way they were grown thousands of years ago; only now you can enjoy them the year round.

This week's wonderful wise words: Oysters are nature's perfect food.

Break out your oyster knife, turtle.

O'Meallie conducts Pony Club examinations

Mike Rushing, DVM and Barbara O'Meallie, Deep South Regional supervisor and C3 examiner of the United States Pony Clubs recently conducted an examination of four candidates in Gadsden, Ala.

O'Meallie was assisted by Sheila Ellison of the Coosa Pony Club and Cheryl Galland of the Pensacola Pony Club.

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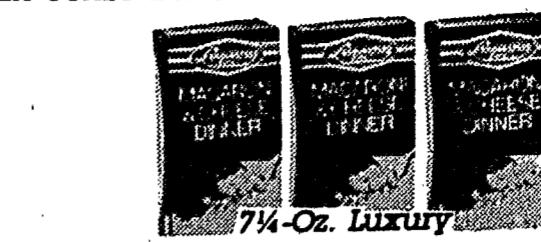
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